expenditure on the Total/Post Literacy Compaigns during the 8th Plan period was Rs. 496.09 crores. The Scheme of Literacy Campaigns does not provide for running of schools.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The complaints received by the Government were referred to the State Government for appropriate action.

[English]

Bypass Projects on National Highways in Maharashtra

857. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of ongoing bypass projects on National Highways in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the performance of bypass works in Maharashtra during the last three years has been reviewed recently;

(c) if so, the details of the works lagging behind time schedule including the cost escalation thereon;

(d) the fund requirement for these projects during current year; and

(e) the details of the revised targets of these works and new by-pass projects pending clearance from Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATARAMAN): (a) Although there is no ongoing bypass projects on National Highways in Maharashtra but land acquisition has been completed for 3 bypasses viz. Amravati bypass, Akola bypass on NH-6 and Lonawala-Khandala bypass on NH-4. These projects are proposed to be taken up under BOT scheme.

(b) Specifically no such performance review of bypasses has been conducted. However, bypasses in general are serving the traffic needs appropriately.

(c) and (d) Nil.

(e) The following new bypasses have been included in the Annual Plan 1997-98:

(i) Construction of Paldhi bypass in Km. 440/540 to 444/400 on NH-6.

(ii) Land acquisition for Sangamner bypass in Km. 140/600 to 145/00 on NH-50.

[Translation]

Ramgarh Cantonment, Bihar

858. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Wili the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from M.P.'s in regard to Ramgarh Cantonment in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the complaints made in the representation;

(c) whether the Government have taken any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) A letter was received from Shri Ram Tahal Chaudhary and others in October 1996 complaining against the then Cantonment Executive Officer, of Ramgarh Cantonment alleging corrupt activities, showing scant respect for the elected members, autocratic attitude in administration etc. and requesting for his transfer.

(c) and (d) The matter was investigated but nothing malafide could be established against the officer. The officer has, however, been transferred from Ramgarh in normal course.

[English]

Clearance to Power Projects in Kerala

859. SHRI P.C. THOMAS:

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain power projects proposed by Kerala are pending for clearance by the Centre;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether clearance has been accorded to a power project proposed by the Cochin Refineries Ltd; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Names of projects pending clearance are:

(i) 150 MW Combined Cycle Power Project at Travancore Cochin Chemical Ltd. Premises, Udyogmandal by M/s B.S.E.S. Ltd.

(ii) 109.91 MW DG Power Plant at Kanjikode, Palkkad in Kerala by M/s W.I. Services Estates Limited.

(iii) 163 MW Adirapally Hydro Electric Project by Kerala State Electricity Board.

(iv) Kuriarkutty Karappara Hydro Electric Project by Kerala State Electricity Board.

(c) No proposal has been received for establishing a power project by Cochin Refineries Ltd.

(d) Does not arise.